



# The Firebird Screams

"Ask not for whom the Firebird screams, he screams for you!"  
-Fred the Firebird

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## January Dates to Remember:

Jan. 1 - Holiday - New Year's Day  
Jan. 2 - Lottery Opens  
Jan 2-3 - No School, Winter Break  
Jan. 6 - Teacher Workday, No school for students  
Jan. 10 - Report Cards go home  
Jan. 14 - 3rd-8th Grade Check-Ins Reading  
Jan. 14 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:00pm, POL Room  
Jan. 15 - 3rd-8th Grade Check-Ins Math  
Jan. 16 - 5th Grade Field Trip (Hubbard/Weeks Classes)  
Jan. 17 - 5th Grade Field Trip (Williams/Cooke Classes)  
Jan. 20 - Holiday - MLK Day  
Jan. 21 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm  
Jan. 31 - Capstone Presentations, 5:00pm

## Message from Mr. Johnson

"Happy New Year" and "Welcome Back" to an exciting 2025 at Falls Lake Academy! As we step into this new semester, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey and celebrate all that we have accomplished together.

In the 2023-2024 school year, our students, staff, and families achieved an incredible milestone. We achieved our highest report card score to date through dedication, collaboration, and unwavering determination – a true testament of being a Firebird. This success reminds us of the power of care for one another and the limitless possibilities when we embrace that. It also reinforces and carries us to this year in our theme: All for One.

This year, we are building on that foundation of excellence. The theme All for One emphasizes the importance of everyone working together—students, teachers, parents, and staff—to ensure the success of every individual. It's a call to support, uplift, and inspire one another so that we can all achieve our personal best and we are on track for that!

Students, I encourage you to set bold goals, work hard, and remember that you are not alone on this journey. Lean on your teachers, friends, and family, and don't hesitate to ask for help when needed. Parents, your partnership is invaluable—thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement in your child's education.

As we return to the classroom after our long holiday break, let's bring our energy, focus, and commitment to making this semester one of growth and achievement. Together, as a united school community, we can make 2025 a year to remember.

Let's keep striving, supporting, and succeeding—All for One!

## *Scheduled Board Meetings*



Tuesday, January 7th @ 6:30pm - Cancelled

Tuesday, January 21st @ 6:30pm

# Message from Board of Directors

Falls Lake Academy is now seeking applications for our Board of Directors. We are seeking interested applicants with diverse backgrounds who have a passion for the school's purpose and mission. Those interested in seeking a position on the Board are invited to attend an interest meeting. Link to application and date for interest meeting will be posted on the school website soon.

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## 2025 - 2026 ENROLLMENT

Falls Lake Academy is now accepting applications for the Lottery. Apply by 5pm on March 1, 2025 to be entered into the lottery. Applications will be accepted for Kindergarten through 12th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

This is also a reminder that siblings of students who have attended FLA this current school year have preference in the lottery. However, you must apply online through SchoolMint by 5pm on March 1st to receive that preference.

### REMINDER NO SCHOOL

**January 1st - 3rd**- School Closed, Winter Break

**Monday, January 6th** - Teacher Workday - No school for students

**Tuesday, January 7th** - School Closed due to Weather

**Monday, January 20th** - Holiday - MLK Day



# MEETINGS

JANUARY  
2025

WED 8 5PM 5PM ADVOCACY  
COMMITTEE

WED 8 6PM BOARD  
MEETING

WED 8 7PM FUNDRAISING  
COMMITTEE

THURS 9 6PM ELEMENTARY  
COMMITTEE

FRI 10 5PM COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER FAIR  
Seeking  
ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
NEED VOLUNTEERS



SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 22ND



FALLS LAKE  
ACADEMY

MORE INFORMATION

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# 24-25 FLA PTA DATES TO REMEMBER

## Events

**Dec 6 - Staff Holiday luncheon**

**Dec 11 - Plumpeez Spirit Night (4-7pm)**

**Dec 18 - Cookies & Crafts w/ Santa (during school day)**

**Feb 7 - Elem Someone Special Dance (time TBD)**

**Feb 22 - Volunteer Fair (time TBD)**

**Apr 26 - Spring Fundraiser (time TBD)**

**April-May - Adopt-a-Senior**

**May 1 - High School Field Day**

**May 22 - MS Field Day Cookout**

### Other Events we're planning

**Fundraiser for Awning**

**Toy/Coat Drive**

**Brick Fundraiser**

**Supply Drive**

**Fun Run**

**Elementary Royal Ball**

**More spirit nights**

### General Meetings

**(all at 7pm in POL room)**

**December 11th,**

**February 12th, (will need to be rescheduled or relocated)**

**May 14th (Election Day)**

**Questions? Email [fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com](mailto:fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com)**



# Inclement Weather Reminder



The winter season is upon us once again. Just a brief reminder of how you'll now what's going on when Falls Lake Academy opens late, dismisses early or closes for inclement weather - information will go out to parents via the following:

- \* FLA Website
- \* Jupiter Message to Parents
- \* Phone Message to Parents
- \* Facebook
- \* Local News Stations
  - WRAL Channel 5
  - ABC Channel 11

When there is snow or ice on the ground or in the air, we try to put out information about our opening or closing status no later than 6:00am. If possible, we will put it out earlier than that, even the night before if we can make a decision in time.

But remember: Our winter weather plans are NOT aligned with other district public schools. Falls Lake Academy operates independently of local school districts and may have school when other schools do not. We do not operate buses and have more flexibility to open school when it is safe to do so. We serve families in 9 different counties, so there will be times that the roads may be clear around our school but are not clear near your home. Always use your best judgement when deciding to transport your child to school and never travel if you feel it is unsafe to do so. Weather related absences are excused with a note to your child's PAA.

